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determining a total number of articles in the group from the unique sequential identification of the first item.

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9. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein determining further comprises:  
subtracting a base number from a portion of the unique sequential identification to  
provide the number of items in the group.

*Sub C3 B3*

13. (Amended) A computer program product residing on a computer readable media for  
use in a dry cleaning establishment comprises instructions for causing a computer to:  
verify that articles in a grouped order belong in the grouped order, wherein instructions to  
verify further comprise instructions to:  
examine codes on tags associated with each article in the group to determine that the  
article belongs in the group, with instructions to examine further comprising instructions to:  
indicate to an operator if the scanned unique sequential identification does not  
correspond to an item that belongs in the group.

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20. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein if the first item has  
been determined, the computer program product further comprises instructions to:  
determine a total number of articles in the group from the unique sequential identification  
of the first item.

*Sub C3 B5*

24. (Amended) An apparatus for verifying inventory grouping comprises:  
a scanner to scan codes on labels;  
a computer having a computer readable storage media storing a computer program  
product comprises instructions for causing the computer to:  
verify that articles in a grouped order belong in the grouped order, wherein  
instructions to verify further comprise instructions to:  
examine codes on tags associated with each article in the group to determine that  
the article belongs in the group, with instructions to examine further comprising  
instructions to:

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indicate to an operator if the scanned unique sequential identification does not correspond to an item that belongs in the group.

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26. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising:  
a printer to print tags having unique sequential identifications for affixing to the articles and/or an ticket or invoice.

Please add new claims 27-33.

27. The method of claim 1 wherein examining further comprises:  
scanning a ticket to retrieve the number of articles in the group or a specific permanent tags numbers in the group; and matching numbers scanned from permanent labels on the articles to either a group number or a permanent number associated with the permanent tags.

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28. The method of claim 3 wherein examining further comprises:  
indicating to an operator that the verification process has started.

29. The method of claim 3 wherein examining further comprises:  
indicating to an operator that the verification process has ended successfully.

30. The method of claim 3 wherein examining further comprises:  
indicating to an operator that the verification process has ended unsuccessfully.

31. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein instructions to examine further comprise instructions to:

indicate to an operator that the verification process has started.

32. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein instructions to examine further comprise instructions to: